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The work programme for the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) covering the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009 is annexed hereto (see annex).

The activities of the Committee will proceed pursuant to the provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1535 (2004), 1566 (2004), 1624 (2005) and 1805 (2008).

The Committee will continue to work with Member States on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), guided by the principles of cooperation, transparency, even-handedness and consistency in approach. The Committee will remain focused on monitoring and promoting the implementation by Member States of resolution 1373 (2001) and on taking practical measures to enhance the counter-terrorism capacity of States, including measures aimed at facilitating technical assistance. Furthermore, the Committee will maintain dialogue with States on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005), and it will continue to discuss its contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

The Counter-Terrorism Committee welcomes the support it has received from Member States, the United Nations Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations and appreciates the assistance of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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Annex

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009

I. Introduction

1. The Counter-Terrorism Committee is required to monitor and promote implementation by Member States of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), in accordance with the provisions of the resolution. The Committee is further directed to include in its dialogue with Member States their efforts to implement Security Council resolution 1624 (2005).

2. In December 2006, in accordance with its decision of 21 December 2005 (S/PRST/2005/64), the Security Council conducted a comprehensive review of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and endorsed the review report of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (S/2006/989). Together with the statement by the President of the Security Council of 20 December 2006 (S/PRST/2006/56), the review report constitutes guidance for the future work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate, notably providing the following:

(a) The guiding principles of the Committee's work shall be cooperation, transparency and even-handedness, as well as consistency in approach;

(b) The Committee shall continue to strengthen its relations with international, regional and subregional organizations in assisting States in their implementation of resolution 1373 (2001);

(c) The Committee shall work on identifying and promoting best practices in all key areas of resolution 1373 (2001);

(d) The Committee shall ensure that any measures taken by Member States to combat terrorism comply with all their obligations under international law, in particular international human rights law, refugee law and humanitarian law;

(e) The Committee shall attach great importance to coordination with experts from other counter-terrorism-related subsidiary bodies of the Security Council in preparing visits and in streamlining reporting;

(f) In the fulfilment of its mandate, the Committee shall be assisted by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, under the policy guidance of the plenary. In this regard, the Executive Directorate will implement the policy guidance of the Committee through its eleventh work programme (see appendix).

3. On 20 March 2008 the Security Council adopted resolution 1805 (2008), which constitutes further guidance for the work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate. In the resolution, the Security Council:

(a) Underlined that the overarching goal of the Committee is to ensure the full implementation of resolution 1373 (2001);

(b) Affirmed the endorsement by the Committee of the recommendations contained in the revised "Organizational plan for the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (S/2008/80)";

(c) Decided that the Executive Directorate would continue to operate as a special political mission under the policy guidance of the Committee for the period ending 31 December 2010 and further decided to conduct an interim review by 30 June 2009, and a comprehensive consideration of the work of the Executive Directorate prior to the expiration of its mandate;

(d) Directed the Committee to submit an annual report on the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), with its observations and recommendations;

(e) Requested the Committee to report orally, through its Chairman, at least every 180 days to the Council on the overall work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate;

(f) Welcomed and emphasized the importance of the readiness of the Executive Directorate to participate actively in and support all relevant activities under the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, including within the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, established to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the counter-terrorism efforts of the United Nations system.

4. In June 2009, pursuant to resolution 1805 (2008), the Security Council conducted an interim review of the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and published a report of the Committee with recommendations (S/2009/289), which constitutes further guidance for the work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate.

II. Work programme

5. The Committee will focus its work on the following priority objectives:

A. Monitoring and promoting the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001)

6. The Committee and its Executive Directorate will collaborate actively with Member States to facilitate implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

7. The Committee, on the basis of initial assessments by its subcommittees, will continue to consider the outstanding preliminary implementation assessments and to approve, where appropriate, recommendations prepared by the Executive Directorate. It will then send the preliminary implementation assessments and the recommendations to the Member States concerned, for the appropriate action, in accordance with the procedures for the updated working methods of the Committee.

8. The Committee, also on the basis of initial assessments by its subcommittees, will continue conducting the stocktaking exercise of progress made by Member States in the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), on the basis of updated preliminary implementation assessments. The Committee will take stock of this progress on the basis of an existing tool, developed by the Executive Directorate, to track the sequence in which it will review the status of Member States' implementation.

9. On the basis of the survey of implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) by Member States (S/2008/379), which was adopted by the Committee and discussed by the Security Council, the Committee will initiate discussions on

detected gaps and thematic issues, as well as elaborate possible additional practical proposals, in order to facilitate the implementation of the priority recommendations for the Committee's future action.

10. The Committee will consider, on the basis of a submission by the Executive Directorate before the end of November 2009, an updated survey of implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) by Member States.

11. The Committee will consider a revised version of the technical guide on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), prepared by the Executive Directorate on the basis of the work of the technical groups.

12. In close cooperation with the Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1540 (2004) and in accordance with its mandate, the Committee will pay special attention to States for which information on implementation of resolution 1373 (2001) is lacking and discuss how best to address the issue.

13. The Committee will continue to follow the status of preparation of visits to be undertaken in the period from July 2009 to December 2010.

14. The Committee will take steps to ensure that visits conducted to States with their consent have the effect of enhancing their implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), assess the results of such visits, and consider the appropriate follow-up action.

15. The Committee will consider, on the basis of concrete recommendations by the Executive Directorate, the modalities and format for a sixth special meeting of the Committee.

16. The Committee will consider the implementation of recommendations contained in the interim review of the work of the Executive Directorate.

17. In order to enhance transparency, the Chairman of the Committee will hold periodic informal briefings for Member States, as appropriate, on the work of the Committee.

18. The Committee continues to call for the closest cooperation between the expert groups of the three Security Council committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004), including, as appropriate, on information-sharing and visits, and looks forward to receiving information from the Executive Directorate on the implementation of common strategies.

B. Facilitating technical assistance to States

19. The Committee will continue to pay close attention to facilitating technical assistance. In this context, the Committee will continue to look for opportunities to match current and potential donors/providers with recipients in order to enhance the dialogue between the donor community and recipient countries and to further the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

20. The Committee, including through the Executive Directorate, will intensify cooperation with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations with a view to enhancing Member States' capacity to fully implement resolution 1373 (2001) and to facilitate the provision of technical assistance.

C. Maintaining dialogue with States on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005)

21. The Committee will continue to encourage States that have not yet submitted a report on their implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) to do so.

22. On the basis of the reports received from States and the information gathered during its on-site visits, the Committee will initiate a discussion to explore the needs of States for technical assistance in implementing resolution 1624 (2005) and facilitate the provision of such assistance, as appropriate.

D. Implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

23. The Committee, also on the basis of regular inputs from the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate on its participation in the activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, will continue to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

24. The Committee will continue its discussions on issues related to the implementation of the Global Strategy.

III. Other

25. The Committee, in close consultation with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the Secretariat, will look into possibilities of streamlining its working methods.

26. By the end of December 2009, the Committee will formulate and agree on an updated work programme for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2010.

Appendix

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2009

I. Introduction

1. The work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for the period from 1 July to 30 December 2009 has been prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the report of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on its revitalization (S/2004/124) and takes into account the work programme of the Committee for the same period. It also takes into account the Security Council's interim review of the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the report of the Committee to the Council (S/2009/289).

2. The Executive Directorate will continue to help the Committee to achieve its objectives in the areas defined in the Committee's work programme; to report regularly to the Committee on its work, including in its semi-annual report; and to respond to any additional requests made during the reporting period.

II. Monitoring and promoting implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

3. The Executive Directorate will submit to the subcommittees the outstanding files of Member States, including cover notes, draft letters and preliminary implementation assessments, for consideration and further submission to the Committee as part of its ongoing stocktaking process. The Executive Directorate will also continue to hold meetings with Member States in order to discuss issues relating to the preliminary implementation assessments, the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and technical assistance.

4. In close cooperation with the relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and on behalf of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will prepare and conduct visits to at least seven Member States, with their consent, as approved by the Committee. It will also continue to update the Committee on a regular basis regarding follow-up to its previous visits to Member States.

5. In accordance with Security Council resolution 1805 (2008), the Executive Directorate will submit an updated Global Implementation Survey, for the consideration of the Committee, before the end of November 2009.

6. The Executive Directorate will further enhance its cooperation with the relevant United Nations bodies, including the Monitoring Team of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and the Expert Group of the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), as well as with various international, regional and subregional organizations, including in the context of the Committee's visits to Member States. In this context, the Executive Directorate will further extend promotion of the common strategy on the submission of responses by States, jointly developed with the Monitoring Team and the Expert Group. A workshop will be held in July 2009 for Member States of the Caribbean Community on the drafting of responses to the three Security Council committees dealing with counter-terrorism.

7. The Executive Directorate will hold two workshops in South Asia during the reporting period. First, acting jointly with the World Bank, it will hold a workshop for parliamentarians in Pakistan on the importance of legislation on combating the financing of terrorism. Second, acting together with donors and other relevant partner organizations, it will facilitate a regional workshop for police and prosecutors on cross-border cooperation, to be held in Bangladesh.

8. Under the guidance of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will participate actively in and support all relevant activities under the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, including through active involvement in the Integrated Assistance for Countering Terrorism Initiative of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force.

9. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in its consideration of the modalities and format of the sixth special meeting of the Committee, and will make concrete recommendations to the Committee in this regard.

III. Facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to States

10. The Executive Directorate will continue to promote its revised strategy for facilitating the delivery of technical assistance to States by strengthening its relations with bilateral and multilateral donors through, inter alia, close engagement with the Counter-Terrorism Action Group of the Group of Eight and the European Union.

11. The Executive Directorate will maintain and regularly update its database of information on all its referrals, its directory of detailed profiles of donors and providers of technical assistance, and its database of best practices.

IV. Human rights and implementation of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005)

12. In accordance with the Committee's policy guidance on human rights, the Executive Directorate will continue to take account of the human rights aspects of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005) in its work. This work will include contributing relevant information for inclusion in the preliminary implementation assessments, providing briefings for the Committee's country visits, assisting in the drafting of reports, and promoting a consistent approach to human rights issues in all activities of the Executive Directorate. The Executive Directorate will continue to liaise with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other human rights entities, as appropriate. It will also deepen its analytical framework, including through participation in the working group on protecting human rights while countering terrorism of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force.

13. The Executive Directorate will continue to include the issue of implementation of resolution 1624 (2005) in its dialogue with States and will actively encourage those States that have not yet submitted a report on their implementation of the resolution to do so. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in initiating a discussion to explore the needs of States for technical assistance in implementing resolution 1624 (2005) and facilitate the provision of such assistance, as appropriate.

V. Information and Administration Office

14. The Executive Directorate will work to ensure that all documentation and reporting submitted to the Committee is accurate, consistent, and in conformity with the Committee's decisions. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in the consideration of possible ways to streamline its working methods. The Directorate will also continue to implement a more proactive communications strategy, through its Public Communications and Outreach Unit, in order to facilitate better understanding of the work of the Committee and the Executive Directorate.

15. The Executive Director will continue to chair regular (weekly) meetings of all staff of the Office in order to encourage greater communication within the Directorate and ensure that all staff members are fully informed of the priorities and activities of the Committee and the Executive Directorate.

16. The Information and Administration Office will continue to augment and update the Committee's website with new information and seek to increase the number of hyperlinks to websites of other United Nations bodies and international or regional organizations engaged in the global fight against terrorism. The Office will also continue to maintain the Committee's website in all six official languages of the United Nations.

17. The Information and Administration Office will continue to organize and co-sponsor workshops, as funding permits, during the coming period. It will seek co-sponsorship, with the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and/or other key partner international organizations, with respect to workshops or conferences that relate to the Executive Directorate's mandate to help Member States implement resolution 1373 (2001). The Office will also consider helping international, regional or subregional organizations that wish to host workshops on the implementation of the resolution and would otherwise be unable to do so.

18. The Executive Directorate will aim to fill all vacancies in the Professional and General Service categories, focusing on promoting gender and geographical balance in the selection of new Professional staff, especially at the level of Director. The Executive Directorate will also seek the approval of the General Assembly to add one Legal Officer position at the P-4 level and one Associate Political Officer position at the P-2 level. Within the framework of the Political, Peace and Security Occupational Network, the Executive Directorate will implement its decision to participate in the new Voluntary Initiative for Network Exchange and effect the exchange, for a period of one or two years, of one Legal Officer in the Executive Directorate for one expert from the Office of Disarmament Affairs. The Office will also work closely with the Office of Human Resources Management to implement the new Talent Management System that came into effect on 1 July 2009 and monitor its impact on recruitment and retention of all staff of the Executive Directorate.

19. The Information and Administration Office will submit a budget for 2010 seeking the financial resources needed to carry out the enhanced tasks of the Executive Directorate, including funding for the appropriate number of staff. The draft budget will also reflect the decisions of the Committee and the Security Council concerning the work to be undertaken in 2010.